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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 0207

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SUBJ: US MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY AND KUWAIT

VDEFS: 75 STATE 303856, ABU DHABI 0021, MA JVA 0014, DOHA 0034

1. EMBASSY CONCURSFULLY IN VIEWS EXPRESSED BY OTHER AREA POSTS ON INHERENT DIFFICULTIES IN APPLYING PRESSURE ON MINI-ARAB STATES RE MULTILATERAL ISSUES. KUWAITI VOTING AT UN AND IN OTHER MULTI-NATIONALFORA DISCUSSED ON INNUMERABLE OCCASIONS AND IN GREAT DETAIL WITH SENIOR KUWAITI OFFICIALS (MOST RECENTLY BY AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS DURING FAREWELL CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS). HOWEVER, UNTIL MORE LEVERAGE BECOMES AVAILABLE, IT APPEARS KUWAIT WILL CONTINUE ITS "PRO-GRESSIVE" POLICIES IN THE UN AND ELSEWHERE WITHOUT SERIOUS CONCERN FOR DOING IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO US/KUWAITI BILATERAL RELATIONS.

2. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT GOK PERM REP BISHARA WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO KUWAIT FOLLOWING CURRENT SESSION UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BECOME A HEAD OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT IN FOREIGN MINISTRY.

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NO REPLACEMENT AS YET BEEN NAMED. WHILE IT WILL HELP TO GET

BISHARA OUT OF NEW YORK, WE SUSPECT THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO CALL
THE SHOTS FOR KUWAIT AT THE UN. WE WILL FIND HIS AS-
SIGNMENT TO
KUWAIT A CHALLENGE.
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